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Mr. Orlando Monaco Department of Navy Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office-Northeast 4911 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303

Re: Site 9, Monitoring Event 26 Report (April 2005) Response to Comments (RTCs) Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Monaco:

MEDEP has reviewed the Navy's responses to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) comments, dated March 23, 2006, for Site 9 Monitoring Event Report 26 (April 2005). Based on that review MEDEP has the following comments, however in an effort to finalize this document MEDEP does not expect the Navy to respond.

Many of the comments and responses have been overtaken by events including a workplan to investigate the southern boundary of the ash landfill, groundwater investigation near building 201, pore water sampling along the upper impoundment pond, and the installation of a new monitoring well in the southwestern corner of Site 9. The results of these investigations and the new monitoring well define the geology in the area and provided needed groundwater data.

Many of the responses include the promise of discussions at the next technical meeting. The next technical meeting is June so please include Site 9-additional monitoring points and USGS's recent study on diffusion sampling and the need for periodic low flow sampling to the agenda.

MEDEP has no further comments provided that the proposed revisions are incorporated into the final report along with regulator comments, responses and this letter are included as part of the final Monitoring Event 26 report.

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Please contact me at (207) 287-7713 or claudia.b.sait@maine.gov, if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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